GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Quacks and Fake Doctors
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether a number of quacks and fake doctors are operating, particularly in the rural and remote areas across the country, and, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has drawn any action plan to identify and check the activities of such unqualified medical practitioners in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the number of such unqualified medical practitioners detected and punished during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to punish the institutes who have issued fake certificates to such medical practitioners?

Answer

(a) to (d): No data on quacks is maintained.
The Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 prohibits a person, other than a medical practitioner enrolled on a State Medical Register, to practice medicine in the State. Punishment of imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with a fine which may extend to Rs. 1000/- or both is also prescribed.
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